Termal Power Plants to have their own Captive coal Mines

2318. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1657 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the suggestion that new coal based thermal power plants may be allowed their own captive coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government are likely to take a final decision in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) No time estimate can be given.

Setting up of a separate Coal Company for Orissa

2319. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a separate Coal Company exclusively for the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be materialsed; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) A decision has been taken in principle to form a separate subsidiary coal company of Coal India Limited in Orissa. The formalities including registering of company etc. may take time and therefore it may not be possible to indicate a time limit for implementing the decision.

Coal linkage to Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Plant

2320. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal linkage has been given to the Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The Krishnapatnam TPS (2 x 500 MW) is one of a number of new schemes proposed by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The programme for the Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. The question of coal linkage for this project would arise after its feasible time frame and other input parameters are firmed up and accepted by the Planning Commission vis-a-vis other proposals and other *inter-se* priorities.

Losses suffered by Sonepur Bahari Project of ECL

2321. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have succeeded in overcoming the losses incurred by Sonepur Bazari project of the ECL; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The Sonepur Bazari Project of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. was sanctioned by the Government in July, 1985 with a